



**Call for Papers**  
**16th MEETING LACEA IMPACT EVALUATION NETWORK (IEN)**  
**Joint with 2023 RIDGE May Forum**  
**April 20-21, 2023, Nashville, Tennessee**

The IMPACT EVALUATION NETWORK (IEN) of the Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) is an initiative that aims to advance the state of knowledge and expertise regarding impact evaluation of different policies in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. The Network, which has been active since 2007, aims to promote impact evaluation methodologies, increase capacity building, and bridge research and policy in the region.

The IEN will hold its 16th annual meeting, in person, at Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee) as part of the **2023 RIDGE May Forum**, on April 20-21, 2023. The program will include a keynote address by **Prof. Eric Verhoogen (Columbia University)** and the presentation of invited and contributed academic papers.

The meeting is organized with the support of The Peabody Research Office, Peabody College of Education and Human Development as well as the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx Studies and Public Policy Studies, College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt University, LACEA, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

The Network is seeking papers that use impact evaluation techniques applied to programs or policies, with priority given to evaluations in countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. We also welcome methodological papers advancing the state of knowledge of program evaluation techniques. A scientific committee will review submitted papers and select up to twelve papers for presentation.

Interested researchers, practitioners and advanced graduate students are welcome to attend and participate in the meeting even if they are not presenting papers. Registration is required (see link below).

***Important Dates***

Last day to submit papers	<b>February 17, 2023</b>
Notification of paper acceptance	<b>March 6, 2023</b>

Full papers, written in English, must be submitted for consideration for the meeting. The cover page should include: the title of the paper, institutional affiliation and email of each author and an abstract with the appropriate JEL classification. Each author can submit and present at most one paper. Full papers, in PDF format, should be submitted online [here](#). Should you have any questions please contact: [secretariat@ridge.org.uy](mailto:secretariat@ridge.org.uy)

Registration information can be found [here](#). All participants need to register, starting March 15, 2023.

Accommodation expenses will be covered for paper presenters. We have a limited amount of budget available to partially cover travel expenses of those presenting. Please, indicate in your application whether you will require funding from the IEN for travel expenses.

For the program of prior IEN meetings see: <http://www.impact-evaluation-network.org>.

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